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SUBJ: UNHCR PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. DURING CALL OF UNHCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN THIS MORNING (REF B), I RAISED SUBJECT OF FUND APPEAL FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND, USING POINTS PRESENTED IN REFTTEL.

2. SADRUDDIN RESPONDED THAT MAJOR PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN THE SLOW USE BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT OF FUNDS THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO THEM, DESPITE THE RTG'S RECURRENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS SLOWLY BEING RESOLVED AND THAT INDEED FOR THE REASONS CITED IN REF A THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM VERY SHORTLY.

3. HOWEVER, HE STATED, ANOTHER PROBLEM IS POSED IN THE TIMING OF SUCH AN APPEAL IN TWO REGARDS. FIRST, HE SAID, ONE HAD TO CONSIDER THE BUDGETARY CYCLE OF THE VARIOUS
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PRINCIPAL DONORS IN ORDER THAT THE APPEAL MIGHT HAVE

MAXIMUM EFFECT, CITING THE SCANDANAVIANS AS REQUIRING ADEQUATE TIME FOR ADVANCE PROVISION IN THEIR BUDGET PREPARATIONS. SECONDLY, HE SAID, THERE WERE NEW AND INCREASING DEMANDS BEING PLACED UPON UNHCR FOR REFUGEES FROM OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS THE SPANISH SAHARA AND ANGOLA, AND TIMING OF APPEALS SHOULD NOT BE SUCH THAT ONE WOULD CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER.

4. HAVING POINTED THESE ELEMENTS OUT, SADRUDDIN SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP THE MATTER ON AN URGENT BASIS WITH HIS STAFF AND THAT AN APPEAL FOR THE THAI PROGRAM WOULD BE LAUNCHED "BETWEEN NOW AND THE SPRING" (WHICH WOULD MEAN TO US IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH). HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE US OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AND CONCURRED WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT A ONE-DAY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE A USEFUL DEVICE FOR LAUNCHING A NEW APPEAL.
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